

Fathers Building Futures



Dear Friends of Fathers Building Futures:

It costs \$40,000 yearly in taxes to send us back to prison – but we would rather go to work.

If we do our part, we can raise **\$25,000** toward our work with 20 families this year, providing a path for stability and a strong future with their children.

Volunteer. Connect us to businesses you know, help coordinate our holiday efforts to ensure all families have a chance to connect, or consider mentoring a father.

Shop. You can support us online, www.fathersbuildingfutures.org or at our shop, 4301 4th Street NW (between Griegos & Candelaria).

Would you consider a donation? Consider honoring someone in your own life with a donation to Fathers Building Futures. We will send them a note informing them of your gift in their name.

Please join us in breaking the cycle of poverty, incarceration & unemployment,

Zoe Otero-Martinez
Fathers Building Futures, Board President

Joseph Shaw
Fathers Building Futures, Director

Fathers Building Futures Fact Sheet

- It costs NM taxpayers nearly \$47,000 annually – per inmate – to arrest, prosecute, house, rehabilitate and supervise, 96% of whom will return to their New Mexico communities.
- With 52% returning to prison within 5 years – of that number – 41% return once, 28% return twice, 16% return 3 times and 14% will return 4 or more times.
- Crimes committed by these released prisoners to New Mexico citizens is approximately \$40 million/year in victimization costs.
- Resulting in New Mexico taxpayers spending an estimated \$360 million over 15 years.

Since **Fathers Building Futures** started in 2012:

- 350+ fathers have participated in our program with a success rate of 75.6% of these men remaining out of prison, with jobs and supporting homes.
- More than \$70,000 was paid in child support, with over 630 children having established a relationship with their father or living with their father.
- The New Mexico Sentencing Commission in its December 2015 report cited **Fathers Building Futures'** recidivism rate at 24.4% - compared to New Mexico's 47.3% (and dropping to 11.8% when parole/probation violations are excluded).
- Initiated by a 2011 federal grant, we have received public recognition and have become a national model. As of the grant's 2015 conclusion, our innovative outcomes have been evaluated by the New Mexico Sentencing Commission and nationally by the Urban Institute.

And moving forward:

- The natural course of our nationally recognized, peer-mentorship model has resulted in the transitioning of the Directorship from our founder, Emet Ma'ayan, to Joseph Shaw, a Fathers Building Futures graduate. Emet has been and continues to mentor and train Joseph for this position, Melvin Morfin as our manager of Client Services, and Robert Gilbert coordinating bookkeeping, sales and supporting operations and Temp Labor. Richard Webb continues to be our master craftsman and supervisor of our clients in the woodshop. We can now proudly say that we are the only social enterprise that is directed and run by and for formerly incarcerated parents.
- Our business units (Custom Woodworking & Temporary Labor) provides full time employment to 4 fathers (all formerly incarcerated) , with job training and placement assistance for 16 others – with a goal to become fully-sustaining in 5 years.
- One-third of this year's revenues come from our business units and the rest in the form of donations from persons who believe in our work to empower formerly incarcerated fathers so THEY can build sustainable futures for themselves and their families.

In its 2012 *Results First* analysis, the Pew-MacArthur initiative studying associated New Mexico prison incarceration costs yielded these two key results:

- Reducing recidivism by merely 10% through investment in evidence-based programs – like **Fathers Building Futures** – could reduce costs by \$8.3 million yearly.
- Investment in evidence-based programs focused on reducing recidivism could yield returns as much as \$25 for each \$1 invested.

Yes, let's work toward a solution:

Enclosed is a donation to support Fathers Building Futures.

\$1,000 \$250 \$100 \$25 \$OTHER\$ _____

Name _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

- Enclosed is a Check payable to "Fathers Building Futures"
- Consider this my/our pledge which we will be paying through our United Way donation
- Please charge my credit card Visa MasterCard

Account Number: _____

Expiration date: _____

Security Code: _____

Please let us know if your donation is in honor or in memory of someone in your life:

In honor of _____ In memory of _____

Please send a note of our donation to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

You can also donate on-line at <https://www.fathersbuildingfutures.com/collections/donation>

With your permission, our "Community Investors", those who donate \$1,000 or more are thanked publicly and may be included in some of our materials. If you prefer to remain anonymous, please let us know.